



# TEXT-TO-9-1-1 GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION



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### HOW TO APPLY/DEADLINE

The Virginia General Assembly adopted legislation that requires each Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP), by July 1, 2020, to be able to receive and process calls for emergency assistance sent via text message. The PSAP Grant Program provides funding to localities to implement Text-to-9-1-1. A [grant application](#) is available from the ISP website. Completed grant applications should be sent to the [psapgrants@vita.virginia.gov](mailto:psapgrants@vita.virginia.gov) electronic mailbox, along with any supporting documentation. Upon submission, an email receipt notification will be sent to the e-mail address listed on the application received. A Grant ID will be included in the grant award letter.

All funding requests **must** be submitted using the Text-to-9-1-1 grant application. The funding cycle for the Text-to-9-1-1 Program begins on July 1, 2019 and will remain open throughout the NG9-1-1 deployment period. Applications will be reviewed based on the NG9-1-1 submission deadlines provided on the [NG9-1-1 Deployment Webpage](#). Technical assistance is available from VITA's Public Safety Communications and Regional Outreach staff throughout the funding cycle.

**ALL APPLICABLE SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED IN ITS ENTIRETY OR THE APPLICATION WILL BE CONSIDERED INCOMPLETE AND NOT ACCEPTED FOR CONSIDERATION.**



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### GRANT APPLICANT PROFILE/PROJECT CONTACT

PSAP/HOST PSAP NAME: Bland County

CONTACT TITLE: 911/Emergency Services Coordinator

CONTACT FIRST NAME: Jenna

CONTACT LAST NAME: Dunn

ADDRESS 1: 612 Main St # 203

ADDRESS 2: [Click here to enter text](#)

CITY: Bland

ZIP CODE: 24315

CONTACT EMAIL: [jdunn@bland.org](mailto:jdunn@bland.org)

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER: 276-688-4641

CONTACT MOBILE NUMBER: 276-613-2764

CONTACT FAX NUMBER: 276-688-9758

REGIONAL COORDINATOR: Tim Addington

### GRANT TYPE IS INDIVIDUAL PSAP

### FINANCIAL DATA (MAXIMUM AWARD \$50,000)

Amount Requested: \$ 8,750

Total Project Cost: \$ 8,750



## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Provide a detailed description of the project for which funding is being sought, including the impact on operational services and consequences of not receiving funding; the relationship to local strategic and capital improvement plans; and sustainability:

Funding is being sought to enable Text 2 911 for the interim period between the legislatively mandated timeline and NG911 deployment. If funding is not received, the agency may not be able to deploy the Text 2 911 by the deadline. Text 2 911 will be part of the NG911 connectivity estimate. The jurisdiction is aware of the funding increase for NG911, and is building the increase into the FY2023 budget process.



## PROJECT GOAL

Describe how this project meets the legislative mandate, addresses locally identified need(s), and supports the Virginia 9-1-1 Comprehensive Plan:

The project enables the locality to implement the Text 2 911 prior to the July 1, 2020 deadline. It also will provide an additional means for local citizens, visitors and especially the hearing impaired community to reach 911. Enabling Text 2 911 is also recommended in the Virginia 9-1-1 Comprehensive Plan.

## PROJECT OBJECTIVES

Describe the objectives that will support the goals identified above:

The objective are:

- To enable text to 911 for the geo-diverse Call Handling Equipment jurisdictions: Bland, Carroll, Galax, Grayson, Wythe, Wytheville with critical cellular carriers.
- To publicize the capability in the communities.



## IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

For each applicable phase of the project, indicate the planned completion date.

PROJECT PHASE	PLANNED COMPLETION DATE
<b>INITIATION</b> – Project concept is documented, local board or governing authority approval or endorsement is received, Text-to-9-1-1 grant application is filed, local budgets are obtained, appropriated grant funds are approved, and budgetary estimates are obtained.	<b>09 / 30 / 19</b>
<b>DESIGN/PLANNING</b> - Requirements are documented, components to be purchased are identified, and general design is documented.	<b>01 / 01 / 20</b>
<b>ACQUISITION</b> - RFP (or other bid related processes) are drafted, proposals are evaluated, contract is signed, purchase orders are issued, and quotes are obtained.	<b>01 / 01 / 20</b>
<b>IMPLEMENTATION</b> - Purchased components are delivered and installed and training is performed	<b>03 / 31 / 20</b>
<b>TESTING/COMPLETION</b> - Performance of system/solution is validated and system/solution goes “live”	<b>06 / 30 / 20</b>



## BUDGET AND BUDGET NARRATIVE

List the planned expenditures to be made with grant funds. Briefly explain the reason for each requested budget item and provide the basis for its cost. In addition, if contingency cost has been added, please identify the amount.

**NOTE:** In lieu of a line item breakdown, an itemized cost schedule or detailed vendor prepared quote may be submitted as an attachment, but a narrative is still required. However, budgetary quotes received from a particular vendor(s) during the application process do not commit the PSAP to use that vendor(s) once the grant is awarded.

The budget for the project includes:

- \$1,250 for one-time integration fee
- \$1,500 per year for Text 2 911 recurring fee (for up to 5 years)

## EVALUATION

How will the project as identified in the project description be evaluated and measured for achievement and success:

The project success criteria will be:

- Receipt of 911 test texts from the top 5 carriers and US Cellular.
- Receipt of 911 texts as part of the PSAP's routine operations.